



**THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON**

March 23, 2009

The Honorable Judy Biggert
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Biggert:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me during my recent visit to North Chicago. The information you shared with me regarding the possibilities for Silver Cross is very helpful and I will instruct the Veterans Health Administration to assess the best way to utilize this resource along with the needs of Illinois Veterans.

I am honored to be leading an organization of dedicated and competent people. Together, we will build on the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) past successes to ensure that Veterans continue to receive timely and accessible delivery of high-quality care, benefits and services.

My charter is to transform the VA into an organization for the 21st century – one that reflects the change and commitment our Nation expects and our Veterans deserve. I look forward to your continued support as we deliver on our promises. Our accomplishments will be our credentials, not our promises.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric K. Shinseki".

Eric K. Shinseki